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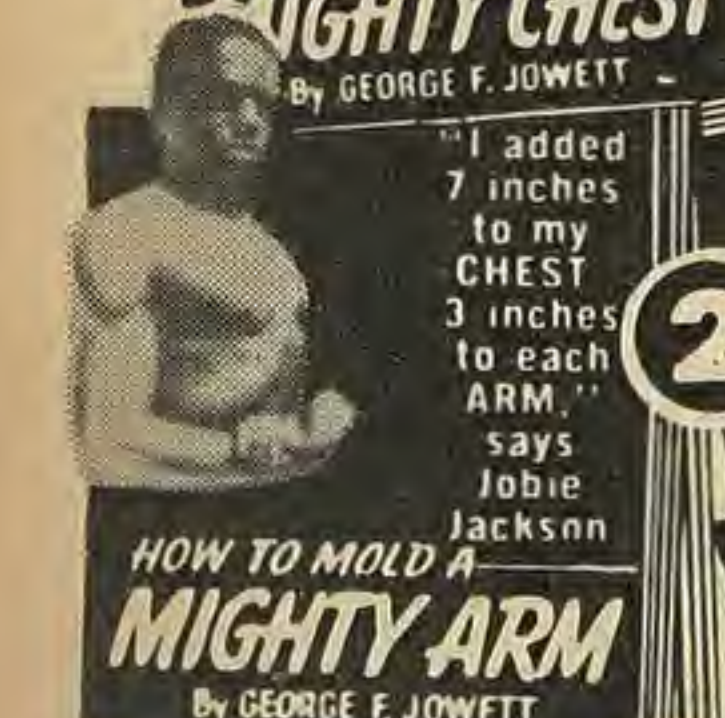
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The LOST YEAR of SIR FRANCIS DRAKE!



AT THE STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL...

BUT... BUT WHY CAN'T I SEE MY HUSBAND, DOCTOR?

I'M SORRY, MADAM! HE'S IN AN AGITATED CONDITION AND HAS JUST UNDERGONE MENTAL TESTS! THE RULE IS **NO VISITORS!**

EVEN IF HE WERE ADJUDGED SANE, HE'S SUSPECTED OF ROBBERY AND IS UNDER POLICE GUARD!

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UH-HUH! EITHER WAY, IT'LL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE YOU SEE HIM, SISTER!





ROBERT--THE BEST, MOST DEVOTED MAN IN THE WORLD--WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?



ANOTHER REJECTION SLIP! WHY DON'T I GIVE UP, NANCY? I'LL NEVER GET ANYWHERE!

THAT'S RIDICULOUS, ROBERT! YOU'RE A FINE WRITER--AND SOONER OR LATER, THE PUBLISHERS ARE GOING TO FIND IT OUT!



YES--YOU KEEP SAYING THAT! BUT MEANWHILE, I'M NOT BEING FAIR TO YOU--MAKING YOU LIVE IN POVERTY THIS WAY! MAYBE I OUGHT TO CHUCK IT ALL AND GET A JOB--ANY KIND OF JOB!

NO! I'VE GOT CONFIDENCE IN YOU BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT TALENT--AND YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP AT IT!



LET'S FACE IT, MARRYING HIM WAS A MISTAKE! JUST REMEMBER, THOUGH--YOU CAN ALWAYS COME BACK--

I DON'T WANT TO, MOTHER! ROBERT'S MY HUSBAND--AND I LOVE HIM!



IT WAS THAT VERY NIGHT THAT ROBERT DRAKE CAME UP WITH HIS GREAT IDEA--

MAYBE I'VE BEEN WRITING THE WRONG THING, NANCY! WHY NOT A LIFE OF MY ANCESTOR--SIR FRANCIS DRAKE? WHO SHOULD KNOW HIM BETTER THAN A DESCENDANT WHO'S STUDIED EVERY LAST DETAIL ABOUT HIM?

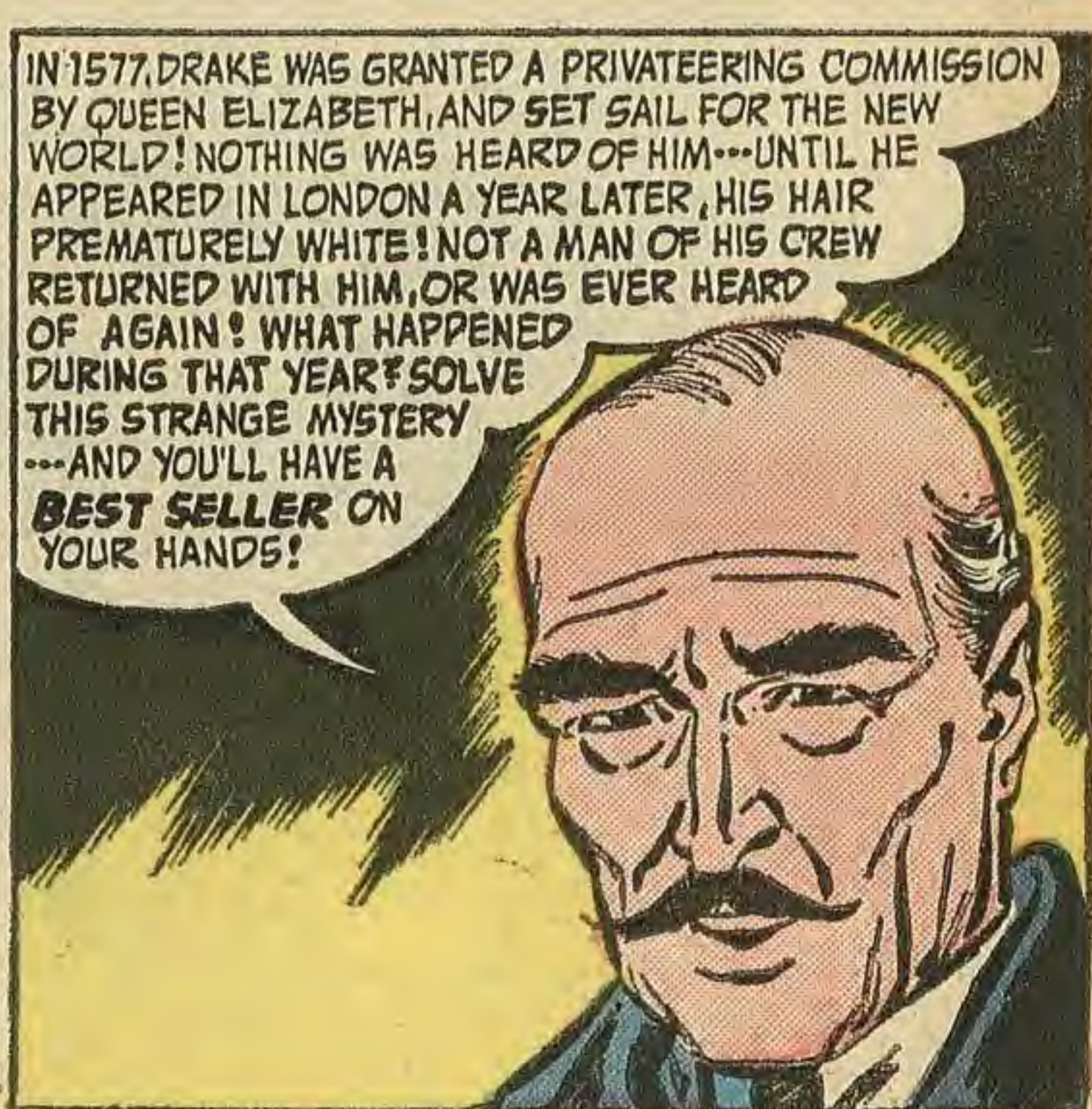
IT SOUNDS ALL RIGHT--BUT THERE'VE BEEN MANY BOOKS ON HIM! BEFORE YOU START WORKING ON IT, WHY NOT VISIT ALEXANDER MARSH AND ASK HIS OPINION?



ALEXANDER MARSH WAS AMERICA'S GREATEST AUTHORITY ON SIR FRANCIS--AND HE DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF ROBERT'S PLAN--

HIS LIFE'S BEEN COVERED TIME AND TIME AGAIN! NOW, IF YOU COULD ONLY DISCOVER SOMETHING ABOUT HIS LOST YEAR, YOUR BOOK WOULD HAVE A GREAT CHANCE!

HIS LOST YEAR? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?



IN 1577, DRAKE WAS GRANTED A PRIVATEERING COMMISSION BY QUEEN ELIZABETH, AND SET SAIL FOR THE NEW WORLD! NOTHING WAS HEARD OF HIM--UNTIL HE APPEARED IN LONDON A YEAR LATER, HIS HAIR PREMATURELY WHITE! NOT A MAN OF HIS CREW RETURNED WITH HIM, OR WAS EVER HEARD OF AGAIN! WHAT HAPPENED DURING THAT YEAR? SOLVE THIS STRANGE MYSTERY--AND YOU'LL HAVE A BEST SELLER ON YOUR HANDS!

FIRED WITH ENTHUSIASM, ROBERT SPENT WEEKS, MONTHS IN FRUITLESS RESEARCH! LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS... EVERYWHERE! BUT HE FOUND NOTHING...

IT... IT'S BECOME A FETISH WITH ME... BUT I CAN'T EVEN FIND A LEAD!



WITH NOTHING COMING IN... WITH BILL COLLECTORS POUNCING FROM EVERYWHERE... HE WAS SOON ON THE VERGE OF NERVOUS BREAKDOWN...

EITHER YOU PAY UP YOUR BACK RENT... OR OUT YOU GO!

I... I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO TURN!



IF... IF ONLY I COULD GET SOME SORT OF WORK!

IT'S MY FAULT, ALL OF IT! I... I'M A FAILURE, NANCY!



AND SO, HIS WRITING FORGOTTEN, ROBERT WENT OUT TO LOOK FOR A JOB... ANY KIND OF JOB!

PERSONNEL DEPT.



Finally...

YOU SELL THESE FIREWORKS TO CARNIVALS AND AMUSEMENT PARKS... ANYBODY THAT PUTS ON FIREWORKS DISPLAYS, SEE? IT DOESN'T PAY MUCH, BUT IF YOU REALLY **NEED** WORK...

I... I'LL TAKE IT!



CARRYING HIS SAMPLE CASE, HE WALKED OUT INTO TIMES SQUARE... AND LIFE LOOKED BLACK...

ME, THE GUY WHO WAS GOING TO BE A GREAT AUTHOR... A FLOP, A FAILURE!



HE TRUDGED ALONG DISCOURAGEDLY... NOT NOTICING HOW THE WHOLE SQUARE HAD COMMENCED TO SHIMMER IN A STRANGE HAZE...

THINGS COULD HAVE BEEN SO DIFFERENT... IF ONLY I'D BEEN ABLE TO FIND THE SECRET OF SIR FRANCIS DRAKE'S LOST YEAR!







THAT?
WHO DO YOU
MEAN?

MAYHAP---IT WILL
DO ME GOOD TO TELL
SOMEONE---PURGE MYSELF
OF THE TERRIBLE THING
I'VE DONE---SO I CAN
SLEEP AGAIN!



HEAR---MY STORY, STRANGER! IT WAS MONTHS AGO---APRIL
6TH, 1578---WHEN MY SHIP---REACHED THE COAST OF BRAZIL,
ENTERED THE RIVER THE SPANISH CALL THE RIO DE LA
PLATA---

I'D HEARD TALES OF THE WEALTH OF THE NATIVES---AND DID I
NOT HOLD A PRIVATEERING COMMISSION FROM QUEEN
ELIZABETH HERSELF? IT WAS FOR A NOBLE CAUSE,
TO ENRICH THE THRONE OF ENGLAND---AND SO WE
PUSHED THROUGH THE JUNGLE---

'TIS HARD WORK,
MEN---BUT AHEAD
LIES **GOLD!**



FINALLY, WE RAN INTO A SCOUTING EXPEDITION OF **WHITE
NATIVES!** THEY WERE OF A HIGH ORDER, AND SEEMED
GENUINELY GLAD TO GREET US---

HAIL---
WE ARE
FRIENDS!

DON'T MAKE A SHOW OF
YOUR WEAPONS! WHOEVER
THEY ARE, THEY'RE **CIVILIZED**
---EVEN LEARNED A BIT OF
OUR LANGUAGE!



HAPPILY, THEY ESCORTED US TO THEIR JUNGLE CITY, WHERE WE
WERE FEASTED HOSPITABLY! BUT DESPITE THE HONORS THAT
WERE HEAPED UPON US, I COULD ONLY NOTICE ONE THING---

ALL THEIR
ORNAMENTS
---**SOLID
GOLD!**



THEY WERE TOO MANY TO ATTACK---IT WAS A MATTER OF
WINNING THEIR COMPLETE CONFIDENCE, LEARNING WHERE
THEIR MOST VALUABLE TREASURES WERE KEPT! AND SO
WE STAYED ON, AND THE MONTHS PASSED---MOST
ENJOYABLY FOR MY CREW---

'TIS BEST TO STRIKE SOON
---BEFORE THEIR LIKING FOR
THIS SPOT GROWS TOO GREAT!





AT LAST I SAW WHAT I HAD COME FOR! IT WAS IN THE HOME OF MARLO, THE CHIEF---

IT---IT'S A KING'S RANSOM! BRING BACK A PRIZE LIKE THAT, AND ELIZABETH WILL MAKE ME AN EARL!



BUT WHEN I UNFOLDED THE PLAN TO MY CREW, THEY WERE ALMOST REBELLIOUS!

BEGGIN' YER PARDON, CAPTAIN, BUT WE DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO IT! THEY'VE TREATED US WELL IN THE MONTHS WE BEEN HERE---

IT'S OUR DUTY! THE CROWN NEEDS WEALTH TO FINANCE ITS WAR WITH SPAIN --AND YOU'LL OBEY ME, YOUR CAPTAIN!



Finally--AFTER I HAD POINTED OUT THE PENALTIES OF REBELLION---

WE DON'T LIKE IT ANY BETTER, CAP'N--WE'RE GIVIN' IN ONLY BECAUSE WE'VE SAILED WITH YE SO LONG-- AN' YE MEAN A LOT TO US!

GOOD! THERE'S NO POINT TO FURTHER DELAY--PREPARE TO LEAVE THIS VERY NIGHT!



AND IN THE BLACK OF NIGHT---

GOT IT, EH? HEAD FOR THE JUNGLE!



THE LOSS WOULDN'T BE DISCOVERED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MORNING--T'WAS A GOODLY LEAD WE HAD! BUT WE PUSHED OUR WAY THROUGH THE WILDS WITH ALL' SPEED---

DON'T STOP TO REST! WE'VE GOT TO OUTDISTANCE PURSUIT!



ALACK, I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THE NATIVES WERE LIKE LIGHTNING IN THE JUNGLE! I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT IMPOSSIBLE THAT THEY COULD PASS US, SET UP AMBUSHES, TRAPS--BUT BY THE VERY NEXT DAY---

WE CAN REST SOON! I THINK WE'VE MADE GOOD OUR ESCAPE!



TWANG!

I REACHED THE STRICKEN MAN FIRST AND TRIED TO HIDE THE EVIDENCE OF THE ARROW, BUT I WAS TOO LATE! PANIC GREW AS THEY SPIED IT---

AN ARROW!
THEY...THEY'VE
CAUGHT UP
WITH US!

RUN,
OR WE'RE
LOST!

NO! STICK
TOGETHER...
DON'T LOSE
YOUR HEADS...



BUT IT WAS NO USE! THEY WERE IN THE GRIP OF HEADLONG FEAR---

GOT TO...
GET AWAY! THEY
MAY BE ALL
AROUND US...

YOU FOOLS!
PANIC IS A WORSE
ENEMY THAN THEY
ARE!



**THEY WERE POTENT ADVERSARIES...
ALREADY THEY'D HAD TIME TO DIG
PITFALLS---**

H-HELP!



**AND FOR ANY WHO ESCAPED, EACH BEND
IN THE TRAIL MIGHT REVEAL---**



**FINALLY, THERE WERE BUT TWO OF US
LEFT...ALEC AND MYSELF! AT LEAST, I
THOUGHT THERE WERE TWO...
UNTIL---**

THERE'S BEEN...
NO SIGN OF THEM
FOR HOURS! DO YOU
THINK WE'RE SAFE,
ALEC?...ALEC! WHY
DON'T YOU
ANSWER?



THEY...GOT
HIM, TOO! I
CAN'T...SHAKE
THEM OFF---



BUT THIS TIME I
THINK I'VE DONE IT...
ESCAPED! I HAVEN'T
SEEN A TRACE OF THEM
FOR TWO DAYS NOW,
THANK HEAVENS!







BUT HIS CHANCES DIDN'T LOOK TOO GOOD, FOR THEY WERE GAINING... **GAINING!** HE HARDLY NOTICED THAT THE CHARACTER OF THE JUNGLE WAS CHANGING... THE TREES GROWING SPARGER, AND STRANGE STRUCTURES SEEMING TO REAR...

I...CAN'T...MAKE IT...

AND SUDDENLY... WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE JUNGLE?

HOW DID I... GET HERE?

THE JEWELS... OUT OF THE 16TH CENTURY... I'VE GOT THEM!

HEY, WHAT GOES ON? THAT GUY NUTS?

NAW... GUESS IT'S SOME KIND OF ADVERTISING STUNT!

WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE? WHERE'D YOU GET THOSE JEWELS?

SIR FRANCIS DRAKE GAVE THEM TO ME... ABOUT... AN HOUR AGO! AND HE TOLD ME... ABOUT HIS LOST YEAR!

YOU JUST DONT GO AROUND THE STREETS OF A BIG CITY TALKING LIKE THAT... WHICH WAS WHY THEY CALLED AN AMBULANCE FROM THE STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL...

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ABOUT THE LOST YEAR OF SIR FRANCIS DRAKE! HE... NEVER TOLD ANYONE ELSE WHERE HE'D BEEN OR WHAT HAPPENED... YOU SEE, HE FELT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIVES OF HIS CREW...

I'M TAKIN' THESE STONES DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS! IT'S MY BET THEY'LL TURN OUT TO BE **STOLEN!**

AND AT THE HOSPITAL...

NOBODY... BELIEVES ME! I'M TELLING YOU... I WENT BACK TO THE 16TH CENTURY... FROM TIMES SQUARE INTO THE JUNGLE...

OF COURSE YOU DID!... BETTER TAKE HIM AWAY!

BY THE NEXT DAY, HE WAS UNDER POLICE GUARD...

THAT'S RIGHT, GIRLIE... THOSE JEWELS TURNED OUT TO BE **REAL!** AND SINCE THERE'S NO WAY A STARVING AUTHOR COULD GET 'EM, WE'RE WAITIN' TO FIND OUT WHERE HE **STOLE 'EM!**



AND THAT'S WHY HIS FAITHFUL WIFE WEPT...

ROBERT...THE BEST, MOST DEVOTED MAN IN THE WORLD...WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?

JUST A MOMENT, MRS. DRAKE...COULD YOU COME BACK? THE DIRECTOR WANTS TO TALK TO YOU!



YOU'LL BE GLAD TO LEARN THAT WE'VE FINISHED THE MENTAL TESTS ON YOUR HUSBAND...AND HE'S COMPLETELY SANE!

ANY OTHER TIME, I'D BE THE HAPPIEST WOMAN IN THE WORLD TO LEARN THAT! BUT WHAT GOOD IS IT, WITH A POLICEMAN STATIONED IN FRONT OF HIS DOOR?



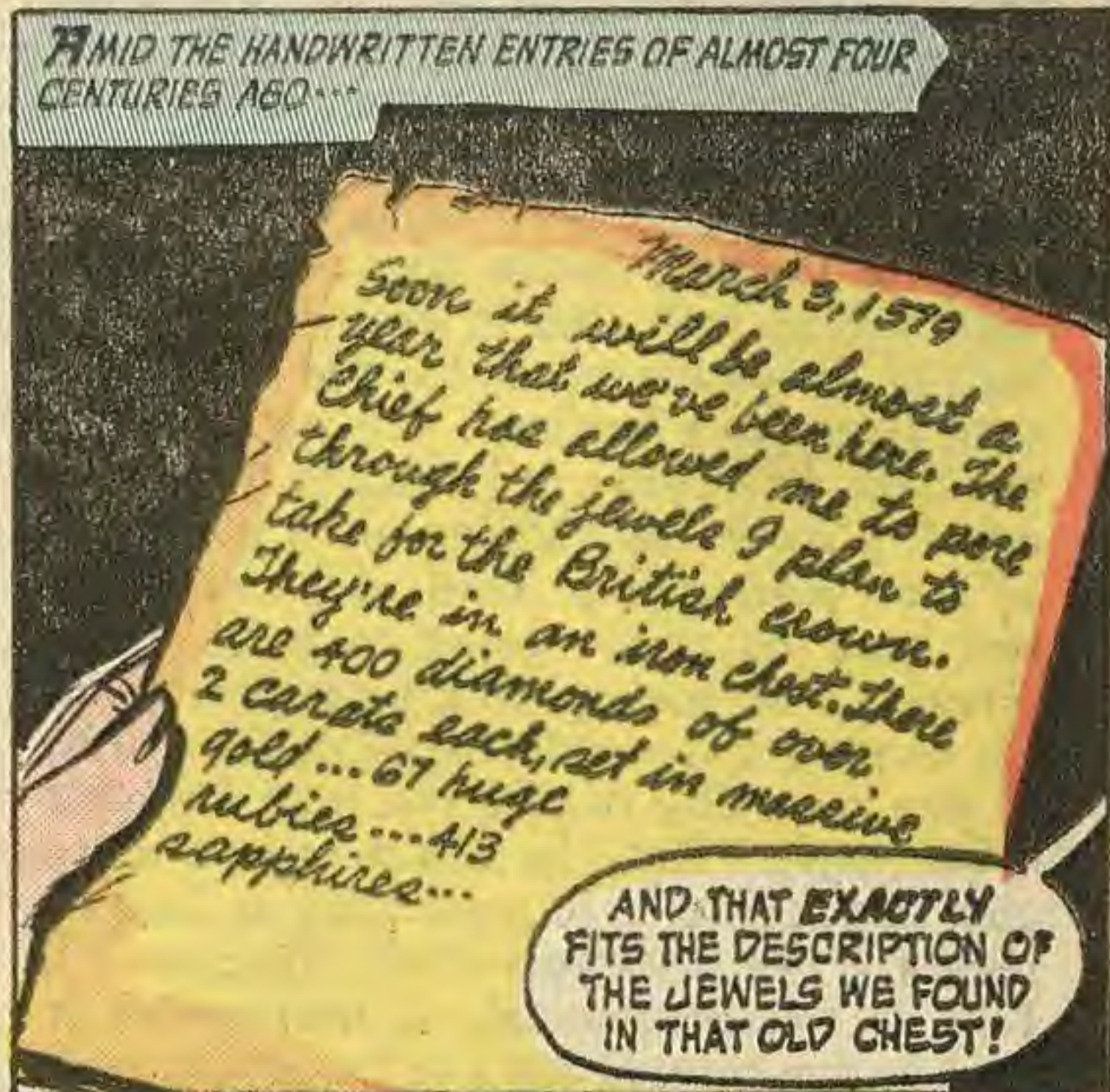
MEET INSPECTOR MORGAN OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT...HE'S GOT SOMETHING TO SAY ON THAT SCORE!

RIGHT! WE FOUND NO RECORD OF JEWELS OF THAT DESCRIPTION EVER BEING MISSING ANYWHERE! BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE IN THAT CHEST...AN OLD DIARY! I'VE GOT IT RIGHT HERE...



SIR FRANCIS DRAKE! WHAT CAN HIS DIARY HAVE TO DO WITH ALL THIS?

WAIT TILL YOU READ IT!



AMID THE HANDWRITTEN ENTRIES OF ALMOST FOUR CENTURIES AGO...

March 3, 1579
Soon it will be almost a year that we've been here. The Chief has allowed me to pore through the jewels I plan to take for the British crown. They're in an iron chest. There are 400 diamonds of over 2 carats each, set in massive gold... 67 huge rubies... 413 sapphires...

AND THAT EXACTLY FITS THE DESCRIPTION OF THE JEWELS WE FOUND IN THAT OLD CHEST!



OF COURSE, WE WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED ANYTHING SO FAR-FETCHED...IF THE DIARY HADN'T BEEN ESTABLISHED AS THE **REAL THING** BY HANDWRITING EXPERTS! HOW THE JEWELS EVER CAME INTO YOUR HUSBAND'S POSSESSION WE'LL NEVER KNOW! BUT POSSESSION IS NINE POINTS OF THE LAW...AND THEY'RE HIS!



AND SO ROBERT DRAKE WAS RELEASED...TO THE GOLDEN FUTURE WHICH CONFRONTED HIM...

NOW WE CAN DO THE THINGS WE'VE ALWAYS WANTED, ROBERT...LIKE TAKING A TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA...

HOLD IT, NANCY! WE'LL DO ANYTHING...GO ANYWHERE...BUT NOT SOUTH AMERICA, HUH?

From **WHEREVER** I'll **BE!**

Josh Carter had fought his way up the hard way. He'd known poverty at its worst and was used to doing without. Often he'd been hungry and slept in doorways, but now all that was behind him. By working hard and saving every possible cent, he'd at last accumulated enough to buy his own fishing vessel, the *Amanda B.* And now, looking at her trim lines, his mind flashed back over the past. He was remembering his father, Len Carter, who'd also commanded a fishing boat in his day, laboring from dawn to dusk to support his young, motherless son. Len had been deeply devoted to the boy, worrying always about his well-being and future. He'd hoped that his son would grow up to become first mate on the *Sea Sprite*, the elder Carter's small fishing craft. But it wasn't destined to be. Far out on the ocean, the *Sea Sprite* had been caught in a hurricane and wrecked. For two days, Len Carter had clung to the wreckage of a small boat, hoping to be picked up by some passing ship. Then, as he weakened and knew he wasn't going to make it, he scrawled a last message to his son, giving him his blessing and concluding with the words, "I was never able to give you what I wanted—but maybe I'll still be able to make it up to you. If you're ever in great need or danger, maybe I can help you—from wherever I'll be!" It was nonsensical, of course—but it must be remembered that Len Carter was weak and probably out of his head. He had barely enough strength left to wrap his message in oilskin and tie it to the wrecked boat before he slipped into the sea, never to be heard from again.

No sign of the *Sea Sprite* was ever found—even the small boat from which Len had slipped to his death had vanished. Only a floating board was picked up—the very board to which the message had been secured. This was Len Carter's sole bequest to his son. But the boy never lost the love he felt for his father. It sustained him through his years of poverty—and now, at last, he was master of his own fishing vessel, the *Amanda B.* How proud his father would have been! But remembering what had happened to the *Sea Sprite*, Josh was prudent enough to insure his small ship to the hilt. He was lucky to have taken such a precaution. He was the only man

aboard when Hurricane Carol struck, ripping the *Amanda B.* from her moorings and driving her far out to sea. And before the gale had exhausted its fury, the ship was completely destroyed. Just before the water closed over it, however, Josh leaped wildly overboard. He swam until he was weak; until his arms were so leaden that he could scarcely take another stroke. He knew that it was the end. Unaccountably, the words of the message which his father had sent him so many years ago suddenly flashed through his mind. "If you're ever in great need or danger, maybe I can help you—from wherever I'll be!" This was the time for help, all right, but there was none to be had anywhere. Wait—what was *that*? A drifting shape—something he could cling to! He could only muster a few last, despairing strokes—but they brought him up to the waterlogged mass. Weakly, he pulled himself up onto it, and then lost consciousness.

When he awoke, it was in a hospital. He was *alive*—weak, but recovering from his ordeal! He learned that the Coast Guard had picked him up—that he'd been found unconscious, sprawled across the wreckage of a small boat. He congratulated himself as the luckiest man living—because he *was* living! As soon as he could receive visitors, he was happy to welcome several of his friends. "Yessir," he laughed, "I must carry a built-in horseshoe or something! Can you imagine the good fortune of sighting a wrecked small boat from the *Amanda B.* just about when I was going down for the third time?" Then he paused. Why were his friends looking at him that way? Why were they so—*pale*?

Finally, one of them spoke up. "You sure were lucky, Josh!" he said. "Only we're wondering if maybe there wasn't something *more* than luck in it!"

"What do you mean?" asked Josh wonderingly.

"That wrecked small boat that just happened to be there in time to save you; it wasn't from the *Amanda B.* at all! The minute the Coast Guard took you off it, it sank—but not before they had a chance to see the name of the ship it came from on its prow! It—it was the *Sea Sprite*!"

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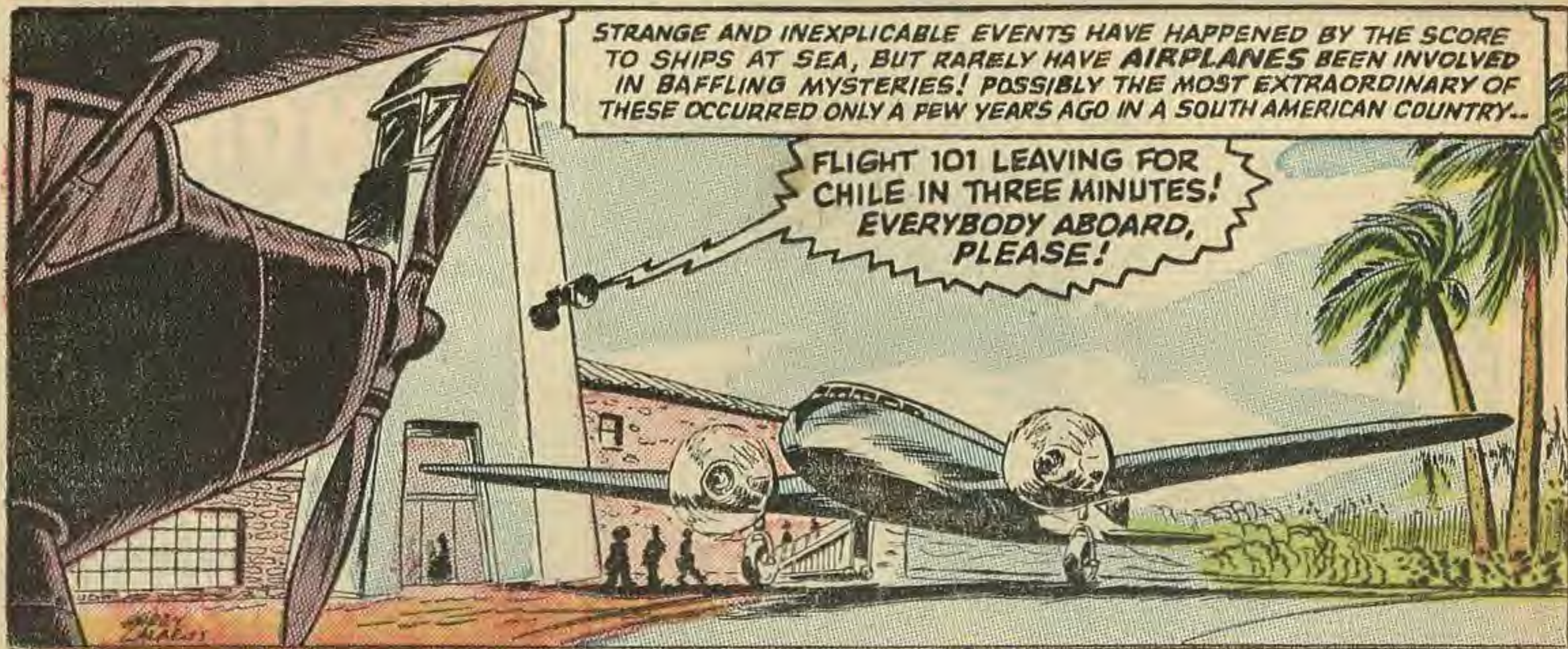
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STRANGE AND INEXPLICABLE EVENTS HAVE HAPPENED BY THE SCORE TO SHIPS AT SEA, BUT RARELY HAVE AIRPLANES BEEN INVOLVED IN BAFFLING MYSTERIES! POSSIBLY THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY OF THESE OCCURRED ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO IN A SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY...

FLIGHT 101 LEAVING FOR CHILE IN THREE MINUTES! EVERYBODY ABOARD, PLEASE!

THE PLANE TOOK OFF ON SCHEDULE--

PERFECT WEATHER -- UNLIMITED VISIBILITY! THEY SHOULD HAVE A PLEASANT TRIP!



THE TERRAIN COVERED WAS AMONG THE MOST RUGGED IN THE WORLD -- THE LOFTY ANDES MOUNTAINS, SCENE OF MANY AN AIR DISASTER! BUT ALL CONDITIONS WERE EXCELLENT THAT DAY--



-- THE TWIN-ENGINE CRAFT LANDING ON SCHEDULE IN CHILE --

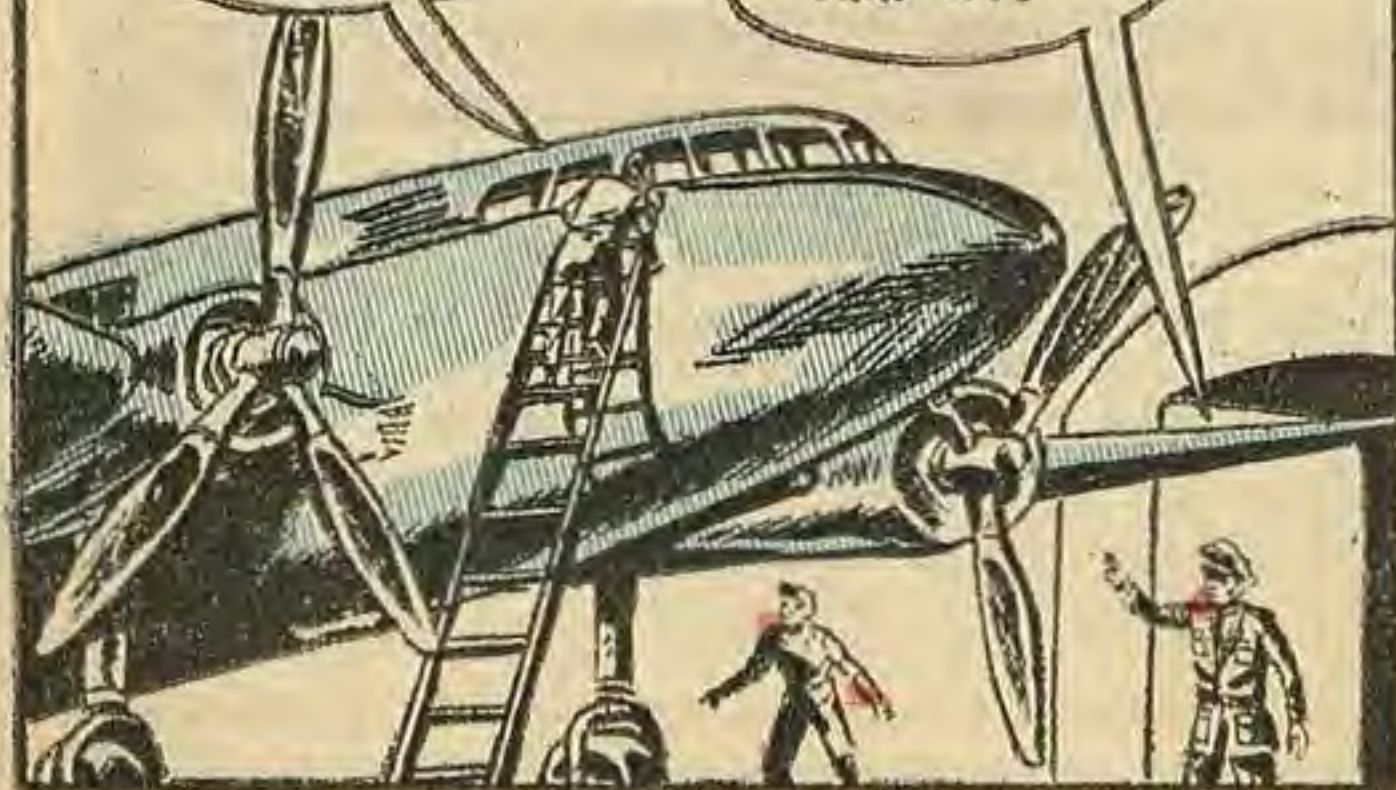
CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! I'M NOT ABLE TO ESTABLISH RADIO CONTACT WITH THE PILOT! MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THEIR EQUIPMENT!



OFFICIALS ASSUMED THAT THE DOOR WAS STUCK WHEN NO ONE EMERGED! BUT WHEN AN HOUR PASSED AND THERE WAS NO SOUND FROM WITHIN THE CABIN--

I...I CAN'T SEE ANYONE INSIDE!

STRANGE...VERY STRANGE! GET ACETYLENE TORCHES-- WE'LL CUT OUR WAY IN!



AN ASTOUNDING SURPRISE AWAITED, FOR THE PLANE PROVED TO BE ABSOLUTELY EMPTY!

BUT IT... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! A WHOLE GROUP OF PASSENGERS CAN'T JUST DISAPPEAR-- FROM A CLOSED CABIN! AND WHO LANDED THE CRAFT?

LOOK! THE EMERGENCY PARACHUTES HAVEN'T BEEN USED!



TO THIS DAY, THE MYSTERY REMAINS UNEXPLAINED!

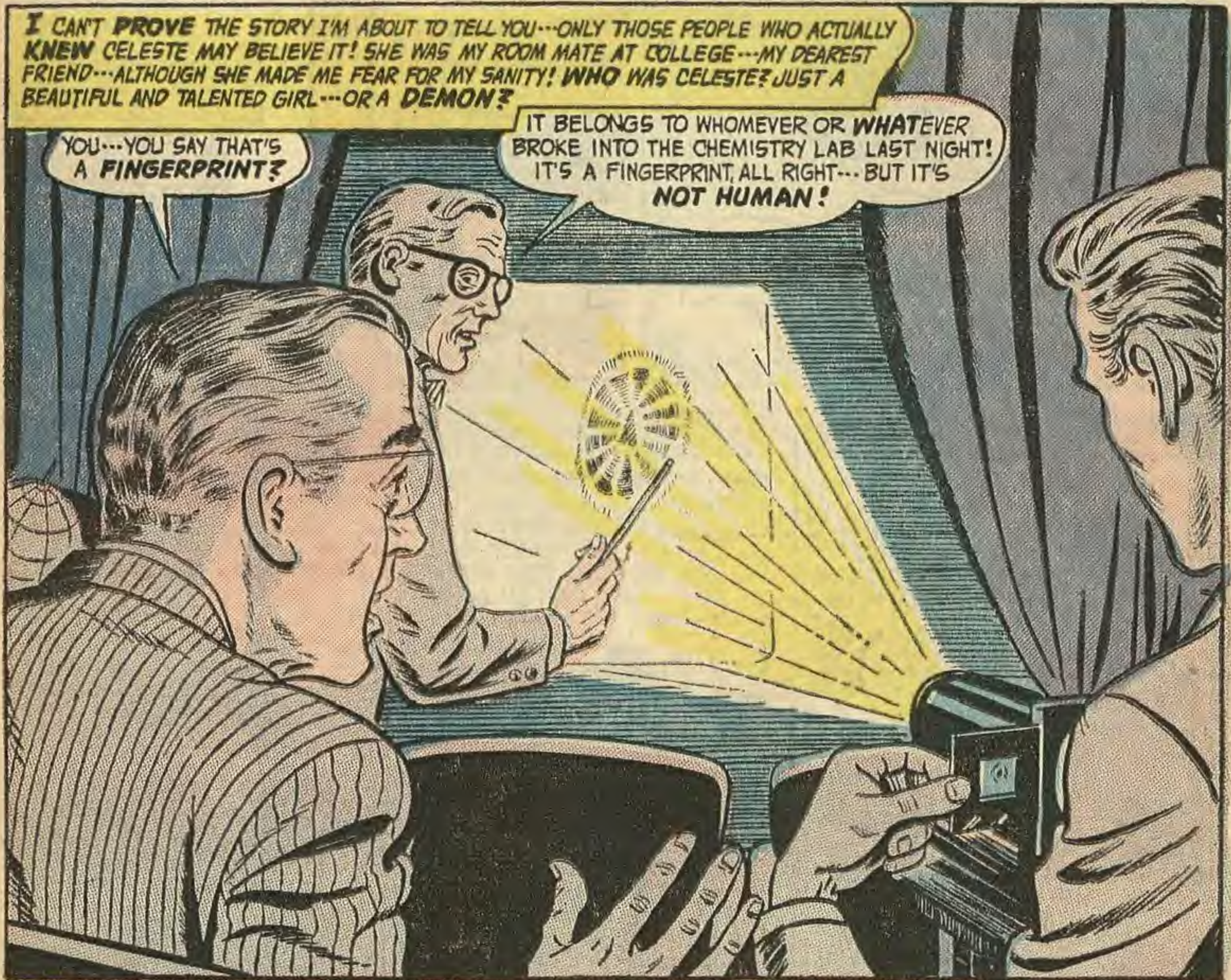
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Celeste, ^{THE} BEWITCHING!

I CAN'T PROVE THE STORY I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU...ONLY THOSE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY KNEW CELESTE MAY BELIEVE IT! SHE WAS MY ROOM MATE AT COLLEGE...MY DEAREST FRIEND...ALTHOUGH SHE MADE ME FEAR FOR MY SANITY! WHO WAS CELESTE? JUST A BEAUTIFUL AND TALENTED GIRL...OR A DEMON?

YOU...YOU SAY THAT'S A FINGERPRINT?

IT BELONGS TO WHOMEVER OR WHATEVER BROKE INTO THE CHEMISTRY LAB LAST NIGHT! IT'S A FINGERPRINT, ALL RIGHT... BUT IT'S NOT HUMAN!



I'VE OFTEN WONDERED WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF THE ACCIDENT HAD NEVER OCCURRED! I'D JUST AWAKENED FROM A DEEP SLEEP WHEN...

THAT'S FUNNY... I SMELL GAS!



I DASHED INTO THE TINY KITCHEN OF THE FLAT WE SHARED...

OH, DARN... THE PILOT LIGHT BLEW OUT DURING THE NIGHT!



THE LEAK WAS SO SLIGHT THAT IF I HADN'T HAD AN ACUTE SENSE OF SMELL, THE ODOR WOULD HAVE GONE UNNOTICED! I THOUGHT IT STRANGE THAT CELESTE, SUCH AN EARLY RISER, WAS STILL FAST ASLEEP...

RISE AND SHINE, HONEY! UP AND AT 'EM, KID!



SHE DIDN'T RESPOND! HER BEAUTIFUL FACE WAS ASHEN PALE AND QUITE STILL... AND A DREAD PREMONITION TURNED MY HANDS TO ICE...

CELESTE! WH-WHAT'S THE MATTER? OH, NO... NO...



I CAN'T DESCRIBE THE HORROR OF THE FOLLOWING MOMENTS-- THE FRANTIC CALL TO THE CAMPUS DOCTOR, THE COMMOTION, THE FUTILE ATTEMPTS AT ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION! I WAS NEAR Hysteria WHEN THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT CALLED FOR ME...

SHE HAD SO MUCH TO LIVE FOR! BEAUTIFUL, POPULAR, BRILLIANT... OH, IT'S TOO CRUEL!

THE QUESTION IS, HOW COULD SUCH A TINY AMOUNT OF GAS KILL A GIRL LIKE HER?



BUT WHO COULD EVER EXPLAIN ANYTHING ABOUT CELESTE? SOMEHOW, I STILL COULDN'T GRASP THE FACT THAT SHE WAS GONE...

I'VE GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH HER RELATIVES! THEY'LL BE HERE IN A FEW HOURS--MEANWHILE THEY'VE GIVEN THE STRICTEST ORDERS THAT SHE'S NOT TO BE TOUCHED OR MOVED IN ANY WAY!

HER RELATIVES? STRANGE, I--I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN THEM!



AS I STUMBLED BACK TO MY ROOM I PASSED THE COLLEGE INFIRMARY-- WHERE CELESTE LAY! I SHUDDERED VIOLENTLY...

LIFE'S SO EMPTY WITHOUT HER--SO MEANINGLESS! SHE'S THE BEST FRIEND I EVER HAD! I'LL GO MAD IF I KEEP THINKING ABOUT IT--MAD!



I FELL ACROSS MY BED, SOBBING! THEN I THOUGHT BACK TO WHEN I FIRST MET HER, ABOUT ALL THE PROFOUND CHANGES SHE'D BROUGHT IN MY LIFE...

EVERYTHING I AM--I OWE TO HER! AND NOW IT'S A DEBT WHICH CAN NEVER BE REPAYED!



I REMEMBERED HOW IT WAS WHEN I FIRST GOT OFF THE TRAIN AT RAND COLLEGE! I WAS FAT, AN ALMOST HOMELY GIRL WITH A POOR COMPLEXION! UNCERTAIN AND CONFUSED, I DREADED THE YEARS AHEAD...

THE BOYS AREN'T HELPING ME WITH THESE HEAVY SUITCASES! NO, GALLANTRY'S ONLY FOR PRETTY GIRLS!



I KNEW NO ONE WOULD PAY ANY ATTENTION TO ME--THAT I'D HAVE TO SUFFER ALONG EATING MY HEART OUT BECAUSE I'D BEEN BORN WITH SO FEW GIFTS, NOT EVEN BRAINS...

I'LL HAVE TO STUDY LIKE CRAZY TO GET BY! LIFE'S SO EASY FOR SOME PEOPLE--WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE SO HARD FOR ME?



IT WAS THAT DAY THAT I MET HER--THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL I'D EVER SEEN--

HI! I'M CELESTE! SAY, LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND WITH THOSE BAGS!

TH-THANK YOU! MY NAME'S ENID SMITH!



HOW EASY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TO HATE THIS STUNNING CREATURE, BUT SHE DISARMED ME COMPLETELY WITH HER FRIENDLINESS AND FLASHING SMILE! AS I GOT SETTLED--

I'M ASHAMED TO ADMIT I'M A BIT OF A BOBBY-SOXER! YOU DON'T MIND IF I PUT THIS PICTURE ON THE WALL, DO YOU?

OF COURSE NOT! SURE IS A HANDSOME GUY--ONE OF YOUR BOY-FRIENDS?



WAS SHE HAVING FUN AT THE EXPENSE OF A HOMELY GIRL? I WAS READY TO FLARE--

DON'T YOU THINK CLARK GABLE'S A LITTLE OLD FOR ME?

WHO'S CLARK GABLE?



HA-HA! THAT'S A GOOD ONE! NEVER HEARD OF CLARK GABLE! NEXT YOU'LL SAY YOU'VE NEVER GONE TO THE MOVIES!

ER, I'M NOT MUCH OF A MOVIE FAN! -- I LIKE THE WAY YOU LAUGH, ENID!



HELPFUL, CHARMING, IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE I ADORED HER! LOVELY AS SHE WAS, HER MENTAL GI-- WERE EVEN GREATER! SHE READ THROUGH WHOLE LIBRARIES, AND NEVER FORGOT A THING!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO STUDY SO HARD -- YOU'RE SURE TO GRAB OFF SOME MILLIONAIRE!

I'M PREPARING TO TEACH HISTORY -- THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE FOR!



NEEDLESS TO SAY, SHE WAS FANTASTICALLY POPULAR ON THE CAMPUS--

PLEASE, CELESTE -- LET ME TAKE YOU TO THE DANCE!

LISTEN, PAL -- I ASKED HER FIRST!

I CAN'T ENVY HER -- SHE'S SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON!



SHE HAD DATES SEVERAL NIGHTS A WEEK, AND BECAUSE I WAS A TERRIFICALLY LIGHT SLEEPER, HER RETURNS ALWAYS AWAKENED ME--

THAT YOU, CELESTE?

SORRY, HONEY! I'LL HAVE THAT CREAK FIXED IN THE MORNING!



THE CARPENTER SAID THE CREAK COULDN'T BE FIXED -- NOR COULD HE STOP THE FLOOR FROM SQUEAKING! NEVERTHELESS, CELESTE NEVER WOKE ME AGAIN...

GOOD HEAVENS, HOW DOES SHE GET **IN** HERE, WITHOUT MY HEARING? ALL OF A SUDDEN SHE MOVES AS QUIETLY AS A **GHOST!**



SOON **TRULY** EXTRAORDINARY THINGS BEGAN TO HAPPEN! WE'D GONE INTO TOWN ONE NIGHT TO SEE A MOVIE, AND AS WE WALKED DOWN A QUIET STREET AFTERWARDS TOWARD A BUS...

OKAY, GIRLS -- FORK OVER THEM PURSES -- AND NO YELLING!

OHH! D-DON'T HURT US, PLEASE! H-HERE!



EVERYTHING HAPPENED SO FAST IT WAS HARD TO SEE! I SAW CELESTE'S DELICATE HAND FLASH TOWARD ONE OF THE THUG'S WRISTS, AND THEN...



YOU'RE GETTING WHAT YOU **DESERVE!**

OW-WW!

AS HER FIRST VICTIM WENT SAILING THROUGH SPACE...



UGH!

RUN, ENID... RUN!

ON THE BUS RETURNING TO THE CAMPUS...



I DON'T BELIEVE WHAT I SAW! WERE YOU EVER A LADY WRESTLER?

OH, THAT'S! JUST A LITTLE JIU-JITSU I LEARNED -- QUITE SIMPLE!

ONE NIGHT, RETURNING EARLY FROM A DATE, SHE FOUND ME IN TEARS...



ENID, BABY! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I -- I CAN'T HELP IT -- I FEEL SO NEGLECTED! I HAVEN'T HAD A **SINGLE DATE** SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE! I'VE TRIED SLIMMING DOWN -- BUT NOTHING HELPS!

POOR DEAR, I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU IN HAND! MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO DIET!



I'VE BEEN TO **DOZENS** OF DOCTORS! THEY SAY IT'S SOMETHING ABOUT MY **GLANDS!**

CELESTE PUT ME ON A DIET OF HER OWN DEVISING! I COMMENCED TO LOSE WEIGHT SO FAST I THOUGHT SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG! BUT AT THE DOCTOR'S...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING...JUST KEEP RIGHT ON WITH WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING!



HER TALENTS FRIGHTENED ME...AND I BEGAN TO WATCH HER LIKE A HAWK! SHE HAD OODLES OF MONEY, THOUGH SHE NEVER SPOKE ABOUT HERSELF OR FAMILY! ONCE I DETERMINED TO TEACH HER GOLF...

YOU'VE **NEVER** SWUNG A CLUB IN YOUR LIFE?

NEVER!



SHE SWUNG EASILY, AND UPON CONTACT THE BALL SEEMED TO EXPLODE...

WOW! WHAT A SHOT!



THE BALL SAILED **CLEAN OUT OF SIGHT!** WE HEARD AN UPROAR FROM FAR OFF, AND WHEN WE HURRIED TO THE SCENE...

SOME IDIOT HIT HIM IN THE HEAD WITH A GOLF BALL!

M-MERCIFUL HEAVENS! SHE DROVE **OVER 1200 YARDS**...AN **INHUMAN FEAT!**



YOU'RE **HIDING** SOMETHING FROM ME! WHAT **IS** IT ABOUT YOU...ALL THESE IMPOSSIBLE THINGS YOU CAN DO?

YOU'RE **IMAGIN-**ING THINGS... MAYBE THE BALL GOT CAUGHT IN A TAIL WIND!



BUT WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF HER FANTASTIC ATHLETIC PROWESS? SHE SWAM AS IF A MOTOR WERE ATTACHED TO HER, COULD RUN LIKE THE WIND...

PLEASE STOP **QUESTIONING** ME! I DON'T PRY INTO **YOUR** AFFAIRS!

ALL RIGHT, BUT I THOUGHT WE WERE **FRIENDS!**



ONE NIGHT SHE CAME HOME WITH A BAG FULL OF PECULIARLY-COLORED EARTH...

WHAT'S IT FOR?

I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT COMPLEXION OF YOURS!



NIGHT AFTER NIGHT SHE'D GIVE ME TREATMENTS...

THIS WON'T DO ANY GOOD...AND IT **BURNS!**

STOP TALKING! HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED TO **TRUST** ME?



AND WITHIN A WEEK...

MY COMPLEXION! IT...IT'S **PERFECT!**

NOW WE'VE GOT TO WORK ON SOME OF YOUR **FEATURES!**



IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS, IT SOME-TIMES SEEMED AS IF MY FEATURES WERE ACTUALLY BEING MOULDED BY HER INCREDIBLY STRONG HANDS! BUT I WAS LIKE A LITTLE CHILD NOW...COMPLETELY TRUSTING...



THE EFFECTS? IT WAS LIKE BEING BORN AGAIN...

OH, CELESTE... I...I'M **PRETTY!**

VERY PRETTY, ENID! WANT TO GIVE THE BOYS **ANOTHER CHANCE?**



AT THE NEXT SCHOOL DANCE...

GOSH, WHAT'S **HAPPENED** TO YOU? YOU'RE **SENSATIONAL!**

HOW CAN I EVER REPAY CELESTE? SHE COULD MAKE **MILLIONS** AS A BEAUTICIAN, AND YET SHE WANTS TO TEACH **HISTORY!** WHY?



COLLEGE WOULD HAVE BEEN A JOY, HAD MY STUDIES NOT TORMENTED ME! I WORKED LIKE A FANATIC, BUT STILL IT LOOKED AS IF I'D FLUNK OUT...

IT'S NO USE... I CAN'T REMEMBER A THING! I'LL **NEVER** PASS THAT EXAM TOMORROW!

IT'S YOUR AWFUL **MEMORY!** EXCUSE ME, ENID, I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN!



SHE'D LEFT AT 2 A.M...WHERE COULD SHE BE GOING AT THAT HOUR? IT WAS PAST THREE WHEN SHE RETURNED...

DRINK THIS! IT'LL HELP CLEAR YOUR MIND!

WH-WHAT IS IT?



I DRANK IT, OF COURSE, AND LITTLE EXPLOSIONS SEEMED TO GO OFF IN MY HEAD...

GO TO BED NOW! YOU'LL FEEL BETTER IN THE MORNING!

N-NO...I'VE GOT TO STUDY! BUT I...CAN'T KEEP...MY EYES OPEN...



MY MIND WAS CLEAR AS A BELL NEXT DAY IN THE EXAMINATION ROOM---

WHY, THIS IS A BREEZE! ALL OF A SUDDEN I CAN REMEMBER... AS IF I HAD ANOTHER BRAIN!



I WAS WALKING ON AIR AFTERWARDS! THIS TIME I VOWED I WOULD CORNER CELESTE, BUT A COMMOTION ON THE CAMPUS DISTRACTED ME...

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?

THE PRESIDENT'S BLOWING HIS STACK! SEEMS THAT SOME OFF-LIMITS CHEMICALS ARE MISSING FROM THE LAB!



AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED...

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! THE DOOR TO THE LAB WAS LOCKED... THE BURGLAR MUST HAVE GOTTEN IN THROUGH THE WINDOW!

IF HE CAME IN THIS WAY, HE'D HAVE TO BE A HUMAN FLY! IT'S FOUR STORIES UP A SHEER WALL!



FINGERPRINTS WERE TAKEN AND A STARTLING DISCOVERY MADE...

IS THAT A FINGER-PRINT?

WHAT ELSE CAN IT BE? THEY WERE ALL OVER THE PLACE! BUT ONE THING I'M SURE OF... IT'S NOT A HUMAN PRINT!



I'D ALLOWED MY THOUGHTS TO WANDER... NOW THEY RETURNED TO MY GRIEF! CELESTE, DEAR CELESTE THE BEWITCHING... DEAD! AS I WEPT AT THE KNOWLEDGE THAT I'D NEVER SEE HER AGAIN, I HEARD A SLIGHT NOISE AT THE DOOR...



WH-WHO'S THERE? I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYBODY!

SUDDENLY I SAW HER... STANDING ASHEN-WHITE AT THE DOOR...

CELESTE!

SHHH! DON'T BE FRIGHTENED!



I WANTED TO SCREAM IN TERROR, BUT MY VOCAL CORDS SEEMED PARALYZED! SHE FLEW ACROSS THE ROOM, HER ARMS EMBRACED ME...

NO, I'M NOT DEAD... THOUGH YOUR DOCTORS MIGHT THINK SO! COME WITH ME, I HAVE A JOURNEY TO MAKE... AND ON THE WAY I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!







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Hello, readers of "Adventures Into The Unknown!" In our last issue, we started something of an innovation by giving this readers' page over in its entirety to our fans. We, the editors, stepped aside discreetly and let all you fine people exchange views through the medium of presenting letters which you were good enough to send us. It's quite an experience to us—this standing on the sidelines and alternately swelling with pride and hanging our heads abashedly as orchids fight it out with barrel staves. But there's no doubt about the fact that we *learn* things in the process—learn what you readers want and what you don't cotton to. In consequence, we're being helped to make this a greater magazine. Let's hear from *you* too, please! Write your letter to The Editor, "Adventures Into The Unknown," 45 West 45th Street, New York 36, N.Y. And now—let's reach for that mailbag!

"Dear Editor:—

This is the very first time I've ever felt compelled to write to a magazine editor, but I must congratulate you and your wonderful co-workers. 'Adventures Into The Unknown' is too good for words! Weird stories have always fascinated me, and yours are particularly imaginative. I especially enjoyed 'I'll Dream About You,' in your No. 65 issue.

—Mrs. J. S., Cleveland, Ohio"

Thanks a lot, Mrs. J. S. It's nice to know that our efforts are appreciated. "I'll Dream About You" was a yarn definitely off the beaten path. We liked it too, and are hoping we'll be able to feature more of that sort!

"Dear Editor:—

I've been enjoying your comic, 'Adventures Into The Unknown,' for quite some time, and was interested in what you had to say about covers in a recent 'Let's Talk It Over' page. Me, I like the sort of cover that stimulates the imagination and makes you so curious that you've got to buy the magazine! Now, about your stories. I like them very much—but I do think that you ought to give some of them like 'The Secret of Hidden Valley' happy endings.

—Vicki Ziegler, Bronx, N.Y."

The kind of covers you're talking about are what's known as "teasers," Vicki—and wherever possible, we try to use them. We agree with your viewpoint on them—but we disagree with your thought on happy endings. Generally speaking, we like them—but there are some stories which, to be lifelike, just can't end happily!

"Dear Editor:—

I have been reading comics for a few years now, and of all the ones I've read, 'Adventures Into The Unknown' is tops with me. I especially enjoyed the story, 'Fate Is A Many-Armed Buddha' in issue No. 66. Keep up the good work—your comic magazine is a best seller with me. Is there any means by which I may obtain a subscription?

—Mike Brownstein, Chicago, Ill."

You sure can obtain a subscription—the cost is \$1.20 for 12 issues! We're glad you like "Adventures Into The Unknown" enough to want to join the growing ranks of our subscribers. Also glad you liked "Fate Is A Many-Armed Buddha"—we think it had an intriguing story formula!

"Dear Editor:—

Now I'm going to give you my opinion of the covers and stories in 'Adventures Into The Unknown.' First, covers—I like the scary type. Stories? Let's take the February, 1956 issue of your magazine. I liked 'The Man Who Lived Again'—but I didn't care for 'Lighthouse On The Reef.' Personally, I go for the vampire and werewolf types of stories best—print more of them and I'll read more issues of 'Adventures Into The Unknown!'

—William Stout, Chicago, Ill."

Sorry, Mr. Stout, but it looks as if we're going to lose you for a reader! We don't print vampire and werewolf stories, and we aren't going to! They're just the kind that were done to death—and everyone was like the one before! We go along with the Comics Code Authority, of which we are a member, in ruling out such matter. Instead, we're concentrating on thrilling stories which fascinate by truly imaginative plots!

PREMONITION of DISASTER!

IS THERE SUCH A THING AS A **SIXTH SENSE**? IS THERE A DORMANT PORTION OF MAN'S BRAIN WHICH IS CAPABLE OF READING THE **FUTURE**? FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL, MEN HAVE PONDERED THIS PROBLEM, AND IT IS THE STUDY OF SUCH STRANGE CASES AS THAT OF **NOBOTU OGATA** WHICH ARE GOING FAR TO SOLVE THIS AGE-OLD MYSTERY!

I **KNEW** SOMETHING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN --- BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IT WOULD BE AN **EARTHQUAKE**!

ROAR!



PERMIT ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF! MY NAME IS **MIKAYO YOSHIRA**, DIRECTOR OF THE JAPANESE SOCIETY FOR PSYCHIC RESEARCH! THE STORY I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TELL YOU CONCERNS A YOUNG DOCTOR WHOSE **EXTRAORDINARY** HISTORY WE HERE HAVE BEEN STUDYING PROFOUNDLY FOR **TEN YEARS**!

NOBOTU OGATA WAS BORN IN A VILLA ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOKYO --- THE SON OF A WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN! FROM THE BEGINNING HE WAS A DELICATE CHILD, OFTEN ILL ---

CAN'T YOU **DO** SOMETHING FOR HIM, DOCTOR? HE SPENDS HALF HIS LIFE IN BED!

CALM YOURSELF, SIR! THE BOY WILL IMPROVE!



FROM THE START, THE YOUNGSTER SHOWED SIGNS OF A PECULIAR EMOTIONAL MAKEUP! HE ENJOYED SOLITUDE, WAS MUCH GIVEN TO COMMUNING WITH NATURE...



YOU ARE ALONE TOO MUCH, MY SON! DON'T YOU LIKE THE COMPANY OF OTHERS?

THE TREES AND FLOWERS ARE MY COMPANIONS, HONORED FATHER---WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER!

MORE THAN MOST CHILDREN, NOBOTU BELIEVED IN INTUITION, WHICH SOME PEOPLE CALL HUNCHES...



WE CAN'T HAVE NOBOTU'S BIRTHDAY PARTY IN THE GARDEN NOW---IT WILL RAIN ALL DAY!

I COULD HAVE TOLD THEM IT WOULD RAIN---BUT THEY ALWAYS LAUGH WHEN I SAY I KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!

YES, NO ONE TOOK NOBOTU'S HUNCHES SERIOUSLY---YET! BUT AT 12, THE FIRST OF SEVERAL INEXPLICABLE INDICATIONS OF HIS CLAIRVOYANCE TOOK PLACE---



YOU MUSTN'T GO INTO TOKYO TODAY---PLEASE!

BUT WHY, MY SON? DON'T I GO EVERY DAY TO BUSINESS?

I---I CAN'T EXPLAIN MY FEELING! BUT I KNOW THAT SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS THREATENING YOU! YOU MUSTN'T LEAVE THE HOUSE!



I'LL PROVE HOW FOOLISH YOU ARE--- BY GOING!

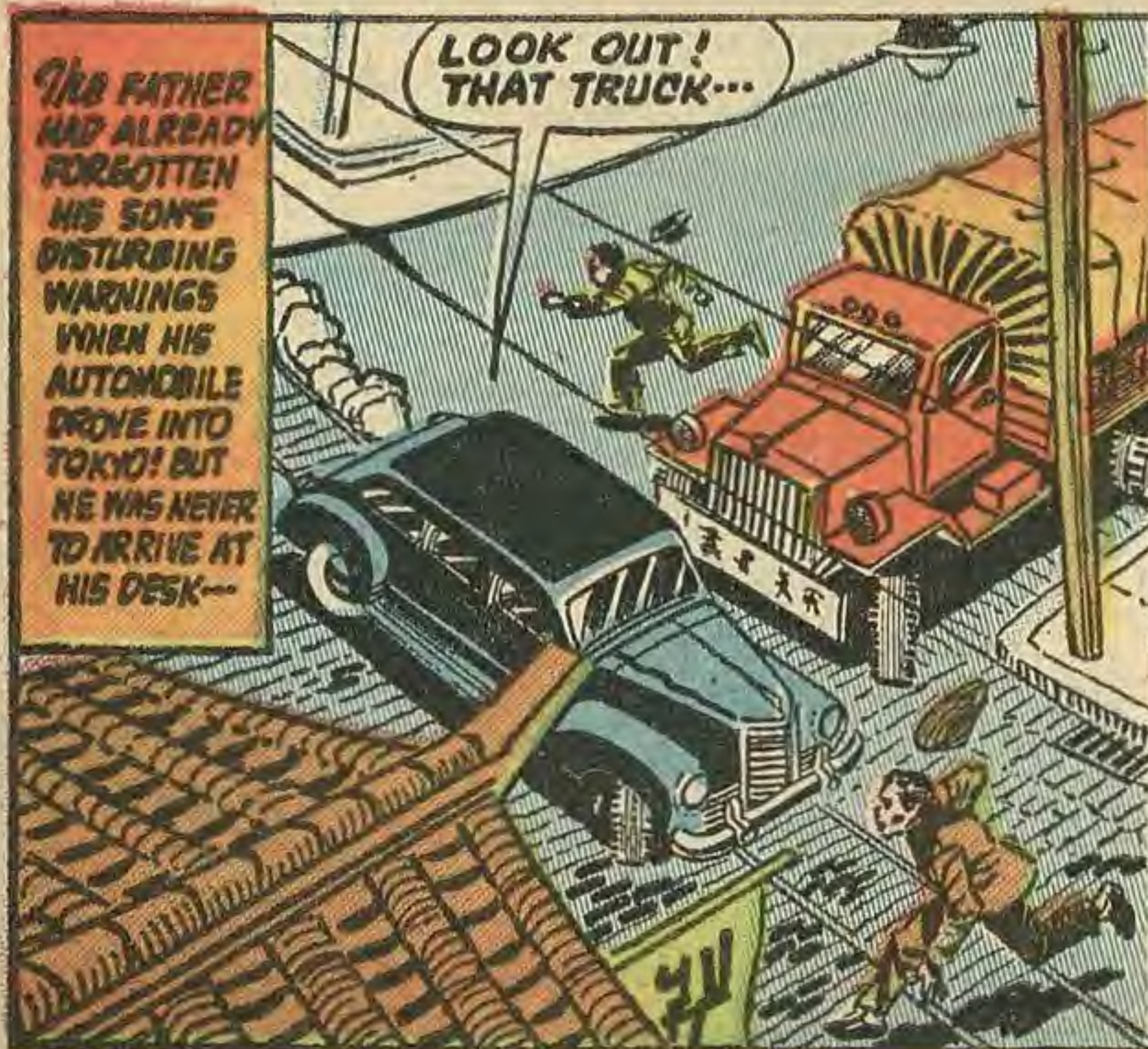
THE USUALLY QUIET LAD FLEW INTO A TANTRUM, PLEADED---TO NO AVAIL---



I'M ASHAMED OF YOU, NOBOTU---YOU BEHAVED LIKE A BABY!

I PRAY NO HARM COMES TO HIM, REVERED MOTHER---WE MUST BOTH PRAY!

His father had already forgotten his son's disturbing warnings when his automobile drove into Tokyo! But he was never to arrive at his desk---



LOOK OUT! THAT TRUCK---

OHH! THE CAR TURNED OVER! GET AN AMBULANCE, QUICK!







THE LAKE, CALM AS GLASS A MOMENT BEFORE, WAS NOW WILD WITH MOUNTAINOUS WAVES...

WE'LL BE SWAMPED!



THOUGH SEVERELY BUFFETED AND TOSSED ABOUT, THE CRAFT REMAINED UPRIGHT! AFTER TWO MINUTES THE QUAKE WAS OVER, AND THE VESSEL LIMPED TOWARD THE BATTERED SHORE LINE...

THANK HEAVENS WE ARE ALL ALIVE! BUT JUST LOOK AT THE DAMAGE ON LAND!

I...I ONLY HOPE EVERYTHING IS WELL AT THE VILLA!



BUT THE OGATA VILLA PROVED TO BE COMPLETELY DESTROYED!

THE HOUSE WAS AT THE CENTER OF THE QUAKE! THE POOR SERVANTS...

WE WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED TOO...BUT FOR NOBOTU!



WORD OF THE BOY'S PREMONITION REACHED THE NEWSPAPERS! BRAIN SPECIALISTS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPERTS SUBJECTED HIM TO RIGOROUS EXAMINATION...

HIS BRAIN IS PERFECTLY **NORMAL**! PERHAPS HIS HUNCH WAS NOTHING MORE THAN **MERE COINCIDENCE**!

WE ARE ALL AGREED, GENTLEMEN... THE MATTER IS CLOSED!



CASE CLOSED! AND SO IT SEEMED AS THE YEARS ROLLED ON! NOBOTU OGATA BECAME A DOCTOR HIMSELF, MARRIED, AND SETTLED DOWN INTO A NORMAL LIFE...UNTIL A SUNDAY MORNING IN DECEMBER OF 1941...

YOU LOOK SO **STRANGE** TODAY, NOBOTU! ANYTHING WRONG?

I'M...NOT SURE! I HAVE A CERTAIN FEELING...FOR THE FIRST TIME IN **YEARS**...



WITHOUT DELAY HE NOTED HIS SENSATIONS IN A DIARY HE HAD BEEN KEEPING FOR YEARS! HE HAD JUST COMPLETED THE DAY'S ENTRY WHEN...

THE GOVERNMENT HAS JUST DECLARED WAR ON THE UNITED STATES! OUR FORCES HAVE BOMBED PEARL HARBOR!

WOULD THAT IT WERE NOT TRUE! THIS FEELING I HAVE CAN ONLY MEAN **DISASTER FOR JAPAN!**



SIMILAR EVENTS TOOK PLACE WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY AS THE WAR PROGRESSED! HE WAS WORKING IN A MILITARY HOSPITAL IN YOKOHAMA IN 1945 WHEN AN EXTRAORDINARY SEIZURE OF FEAR GRIPPED HIM...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, DR. OGATA? YOU'RE WHITE AS A SHEET!

I HAVE A SINKING FEELING IN MY STOMACH...I-I FEEL SICK!

THE ONSLAUGHT OF DREAD INCAPACITATED HIM FOR WORK, BRINGING THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF HIS SUPERIORS...

YOUR **NERVES** ARE FRAYED, DR. OGATA... PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THE DAILY BOMBINGS WE'VE HAD HERE IN YOKOHAMA! I'M TRANSFERRING YOU TO A HOSPITAL IN A CITY WHICH **HASN'T BEEN BOMBED!**

THANK YOU, SIR... A CHANGE OF LOCALE MIGHT HELP!



ON THE TRAIN LEAVING YOKOHAMA, HE ONLY FELT THE SITUATION GROWING WORSE, **UNBEARABLE!**

I'VE **NEVER** FELT LIKE THIS BEFORE! WHAT CAN BE IN STORE FOR ME?



ARRIVING AT HIS DESTINATION, HE WENT IMMEDIATELY TO HIS ASSIGNED HOSPITAL AND WROTE A LONG LETTER TO HIS WIFE...

I CAN'T DESCRIBE MY AWFUL MOOD! IT'S AS IF SOME UNIMAGINABLE CATASTROPHE WERE ABOUT TO STRIKE... FAR SURPASSING DEATH OR DESTRUCTION... ALMOST AS IF THE WORLD WERE GOING TO COME TO AN END!



BEFORE GOING TO BED HE DROPPED HIS LETTER IN THE MAILBOX! AFTER PASSING A SLEEPLESS NIGHT HE FELT BADLY IN NEED OF A STROLL AND FRESH AIR...

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY HAPPEN ON SUCH A GLORIOUS MORNING? AND YET MY FEAR GROWS WORSE EACH INSTANT!



AS IT HAPPENED, THERE WASN'T EVEN AN AIR RAID ALARM TO WARN NOBOTU OGATA, FOR IT WAS ONLY A SINGLE AMERICAN BOMBER WHICH MARRED THE PEACEFULNESS OF THE SKIES THAT MORNING OVER HIROSHIMA, THE CITY TO WHICH HE HAD BEEN SENT...

BOMB AWAY!



RESEARCH LATER SHOWED THAT IT WAS NOBOTU OGATA WHO WAS STANDING AT **GROUND ZERO**... WHEN THE ATOMIC AGE WAS USHERED IN...



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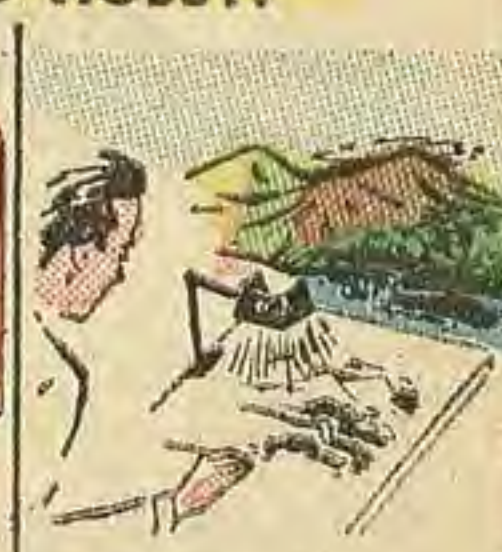
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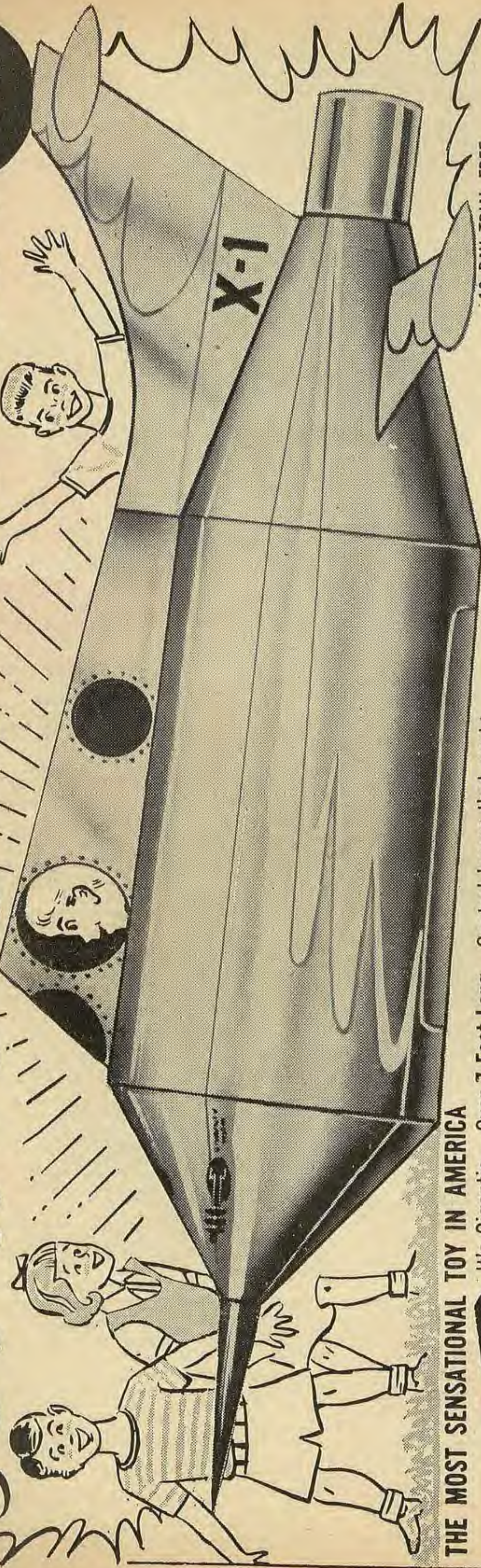
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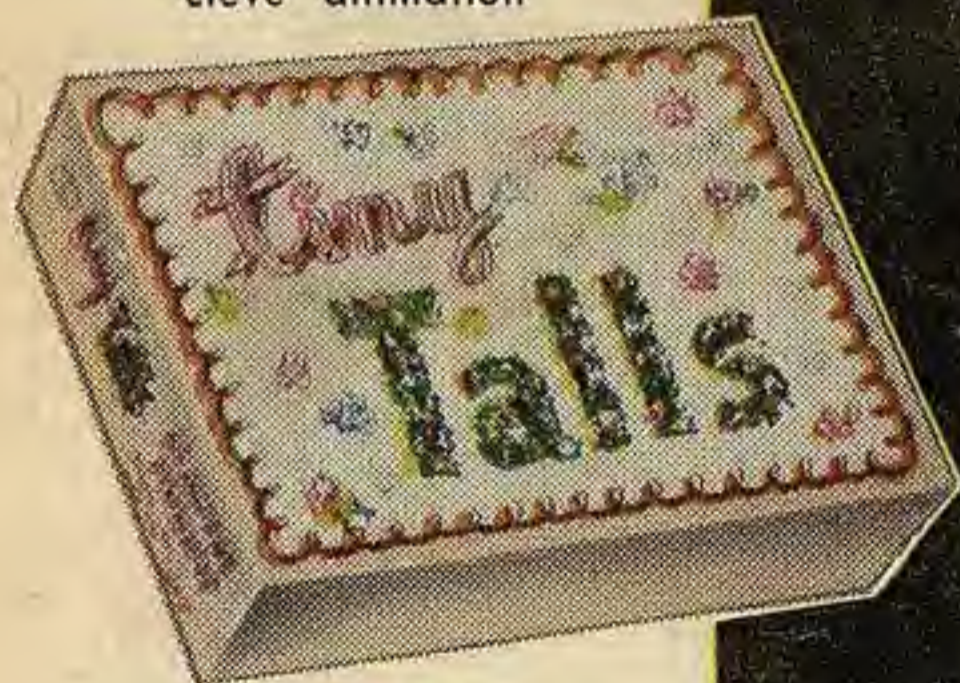
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